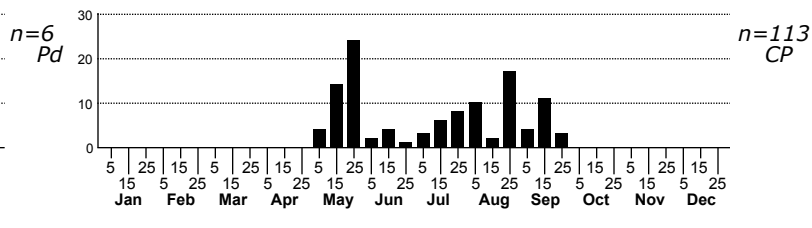
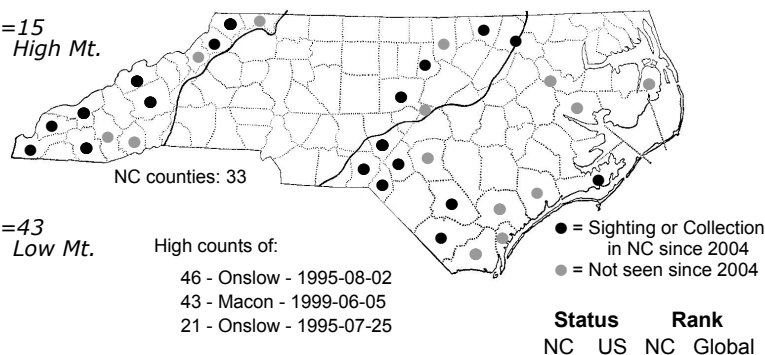
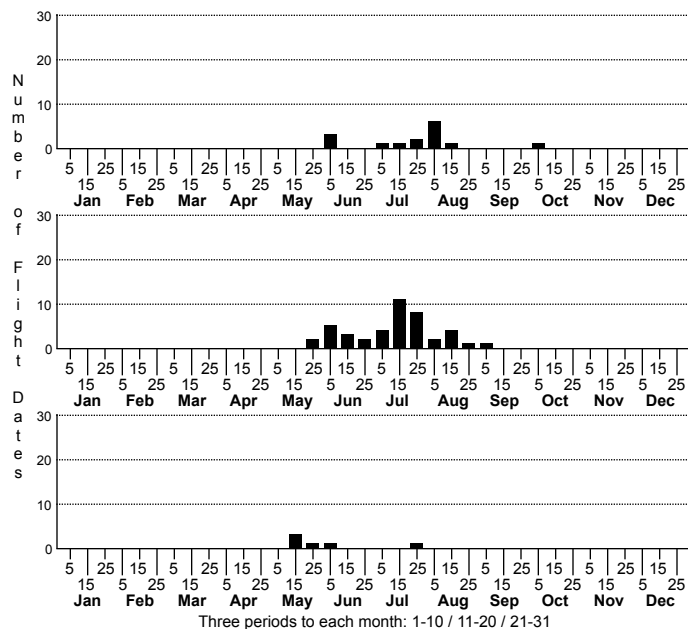


*Idia diminuendis* Orange-spotted Idia Moth



FAMILY: Erebidae SUBFAMILY: Herminiinae TRIBE:

TAXONOMIC COMMENTS: One of eighteen species recorded in North America (Lafontaine and Schmidt, 2010), twelve of which are found in North Carolina.

FIELD GUIDE DESCRIPTIONS: Covell (1984); Beadle and Leckie (2012)

ONLINE PHOTOS:

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, ADULTS: Forbes (1954); Rings et al. (1992)

TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION, IMMATURE STAGES:

ID COMMENTS: The second and third segments of the palps are ochre (Forbes, 1954). The ground color of the forewings is dull fuscous with a slight purplish tint. The lines are well-defined, black, waved and irregular. The subterminal is more irregularly dentate and incomplete. The spots are dull orange and surrounded by a black border. The reniform lacks a dark central lunule. *Idia aemula* can also have orange spots but is larger and differs in the shape and color of its palps.

DISTRIBUTION: Please refer to the dot map.

FLIGHT COMMENT: Please refer to the flight charts.

HABITAT: Our records come from a wide variety of forested and open habitats.

FOOD: Larvae feed on dead leaves and other detritus (Wagner et al., 2011)

OBSERVATION\_METHODS: Comes to bait and blacklights but not as abundantly as other members of this genus

NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM RANKS: G4 S4

STATE PROTECTION: Has no legal protection, although permits are required to collect it on state parks and other public lands.

COMMENTS: